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17.	Meghalaya	113	131	176
18.	Mizoram	91	95	125
19.	Nagaland	30	37	43
20.	Orissa	5239	6249	6825
21.	Punjab	1955	1969	2242
22.	Rajasthan	13127	11657	12934
23.	Sikkim	49	62	47
24.	Tamil Nadu	9332	8648	6489
25.	Tripura	670	840	964
26.	Uttar Pradesh	15485	14875	16375
27.	Uttaranchal	988	786	1038
28.	West Bengal	11047	11887	12785
	Total State	**150301**	150814	159770
29.	A&N Islands	27	22	36
30.	Chandigarh	188	205	224
31.	D & N Haveli	22	24	32
32.	Daman & Diu	7	10	9
33.	Delhi UT	3677	4351	4544
34.	Lakshadweep	1	0	1
35.	Pondicherry	110	127	149
	Total UT	**4032**	4739	4995
	Total All **India**	**154333**	**155553**	164765

Internal Security Scenario

*31. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Intelligence Bureau (IB) in its report has pointed out a grim internal security scenario across the country and India is under the seize of terror threat which could increase in the future;

(b) whether the alarming rise in the casualties suffered by the security forces both at the hands of maoists and terrorists during 2007 increased and 179 security personnel were killed in first 8 months of 2007 as against 100 in 2006;

(c) the other main features of the report; and

(d) the concrete measures and steps Government has taken to meet the security threat in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (c) The question is ostensibly based on some unspecified report of the Intelligence Bureau and, as such, it is not feasible to comment thereon.

Notwithstanding the above, it is not correct to say that the Internal Security Scenario in the country is grim or alarming. Although violence and militancy has continued in some parts of the country, the overall situation has remained largely in control. In fact, there has been a significant improvement in the security situation in Jammu & Kashmir, and in some States, in the North Eastern Region, such as Tripura and Meghalaya. While coordinated measures are being taken to effectively check and control the activities of militant insurgent groups in some of the other affected States in the region viz. Assam, Manipur and Nagaland.

In the naxalite affected areas also, the overall level of extremist violence has, more or less, remained at the same level in the last few years, although there had been some major incidents in some States like Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, etc. in the year 2007. The State Governments had been urged to take focused and coordinated measures to deal with the situation in these areas, and all possible help and assistance is being provided by the Government of India to them in this regard. As far as terrorism in the hinterland is concerned, although some incidents have occurred, in different States, close coordination is being maintained between Central and State agencies, including regular sharing of information and intelligence, as a result of which, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible major terrorist incidents averted.

(b) It is true that the number of security force personnel killed in naxalite violence during 2007 increased as compared to the previous years, but this was largely on account of some specific incidents of multiple police/security forces casulties in Chhattisgarh. These incidents have been analysed in detail by the State and Central Police and security agencies, and the State Governments have also been advised to devise and follow Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), both for ensuring the proper guarding of police and security establishments, armouries and jails, and in respect of police and security force operations in the naxalite affected areas. As far as the other major areas affected by activities of militants/insurgents are concerned, the number of security force personnel killed has, in fact, come down considerably in 2007 as compared to the previous years.

(d) The Government remains fully committed to combating the menace of terrorism/ extremism/naxalism in various parts of the country. Law & order being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to deal with these activities. However, the Central Government has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by deployment of the Central Para Military Forces in aid to the State authorities, sharing of intelligence, strengthening and upgradation of State Police Forces and their intelligence gathering mechanism, through the Scheme of Modernization of Police Forces, liberal sanctions for raising of India Reserve Battalions, assistance for general and specialized training of the State Police Forces, etc. In addition, action is also being taken for effective vigilance and patrolling on the borders, including border fencing and flood-lighting, assisting the State Governments to strengthen coastal security, strengthening of security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations etc. All these arrangements are being regularly reviewed, in order to ensure that further necessary action, as may be found necessary can be taken, from time to time, on a continuing basis.